(c) the steps taken by the Government for achieving the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) Government has put in place a liberal and transparent Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy, allowing FDI up to 100% in most sectors/activities under the Automatic route. Under the liberalised Industrial Policy, investment decisions, including choice of location, are taken by the entrepreneurs based on their commercial judgement. The Government of India does not fix any target for foreign investment.

Industrial development centres in the country

236. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of industrial development centres in the country as on the last month and the number of Industrial development centres in Uttar Pradesh out of the above;

(b) the amount provided by the Central Government to the industrial development centres of Uttar Pradesh during the last three years; and

(c) the number of industrial development centres proposed to be set up in this financial year alongwith the locations thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) The Growth Centres Scheme was announced in June 1988 with a view to promote industrialization of backward areas in the country. Under the scheme 71 growth centres, have been sanctioned. Out of these growth centres, 7 growth centres have been sanctioned to the State of Uttar Pradesh. A total amount of Rs. 10.50 crores has been sanctioned to these centres during the last three years. There is no proposal to set up any more growth centres in the country.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.